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In re the Application of

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For: EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. Sheet 3 of 4 of the July 26, 2006 PTO-1449 incorrectly listed one of the German references. In particular, DD 221 563 was incorrectly listed as DD 221 561. The attached PTO-1449 includes the correct listing for the German reference. The actual German reference (DD 221 563) and its translation were submitted with the July 26, 2006 Information Disclosure Statement. The Examiner is requested to initial next to the reference on the attached PTO-1449 when acting on this application.

Respectfully submitted,

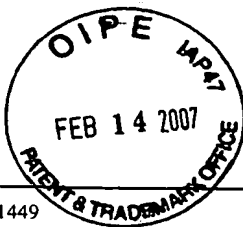
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